

Appl. No. 10/678,908
Examiner: EVERHART, CARIDAD, Art Unit 2891
In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2006

Date: July 6, 2006
Attorney Docket No. 10112971

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 6, 2006 in the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the above-identified application in the manner identified above and that the patent be granted in view of the arguments presented. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Present Status of Application

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by IBM Tech Discl. Bull. NN7908935. Claims 2-6 and 8-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over IBM Tech Discl. Bull. NN7908935 in view of Chung et al (US 2001/0021565A1). Claim 7 and 14-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 20 is allowed.

In this paper, claim 1 is amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 7. Claim 8 is amended to include all the limitations of allowable claim 14. Claims 7 and 14 are canceled. Thus, on entry of this amendment, claims 1-6, 8-13 and 15-20 remain in the application.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks contained below.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating in the Office Action that claims 7 and 14-19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and the allowance of claim 20.

As noted above, claim 1 is amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 7, while claim 8 is amended to include all the limitations of allowable claim 14. Applicant therefore submits that claims 1 and 8 are now in condition for allowance. Insofar as claims 2-6, 9-13 and

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15-19 depend from either claim 1 or claim 8, Applicant submits that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

Foreign Priority Claim

Acknowledgment of Applicant's claim to foreign priority under 35 USC 119(a)-(d) or (f) and receipt of the certified copies of the priority document(s) is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests so.

Respectfully submitted,



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